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Source: Judge Advocate General Division, War Crimes Office, China Theatre			

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NOTE:

The contents of this report are the substance of a report prepared by agents David T. Northcutt and Claude A. Johnson, Special Agents of the War Crimes Office, Judge Advocate General Division, China Theatre.

SYNOPSIS:

SUBJECT, an American citizen, broadcast for the Japanese over Radio Station I. M. H. A., Shanghai, China, and received payment for his services from the Japanese Army through the Japanese Army Press Bureau, Nanking, China, by way of the Branch Office, Shanghai. He broadcast from 15 February, to 5 November, 1942, and for three or four days in February, 1943. The hours of broadcast were 12:30 p. m. and 10 p. m. daily.

For this broadcasting CHISOLM was furnished material by various news agencies in Shanghai including intercepts from REUTERS, but the bulk of his material came from UNREI News Service. He typed out this material and re-arranged it in his own manner or when not typed out he added comments to the news he read from news sheets. The comments that he added and his arrangement of the news made it sound more anti-American than it could otherwise have sounded and was further amplified by his manner of delivery. He used sarcastic inflection and intonation which added to the anti-American effect of his broadcast. He seemed to be doing his work gladly and putting his heart into it.

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Shanghai

16 March, 1946.

CHISOLM stated that he did not broadcast anything anti-American. He gave as his reason for broadcasting that he was afraid of NATHAN RABIN who worked with a group of Japanese Gendarmes and CHISOLM believed that by working for the Japanese he would prevent RABIN from getting hold of him. This was denied by RABIN.

The Swiss Consulate representatives warned CHISOLM repeatedly that his radio activities were not regarded as proper by the Consulate.

CHISOLM was interned in Haiphong Road Camp, Shanghai, 7 November, 1942, and was released from this Camp by the instance of Lt. MATSUDA, second in command of the Japanese Army Press Bureau, Shanghai. He broadcast about three or four times after his release and then staged an accident claiming an injury to his back which prevented him from working further. CHISOLM told the Swiss Consulate of his plan concerning this accident and told them that he felt this was the only way that he could quit working for the Japanese.